

My name is Joshua Weathers, I am an Air Force Veteran currently employed at Sugpiat Defense LLC as a Cybersecurity Specialist. My main responsibility is, as a team member to assess and create mitigation plans for systems that we test in a controlled, gray-box pentesting and vulnerability assessments.

I have always been a champion of improving oneself through education and certification, especially when you are a newcomer to the field. General recommendations I provide for people include resume review and providing people insight into a career path that they may enjoy and find rewarding.

I am currently finishing the last classes of my bachelor's degree in Information Warfare with Norwich University and currently hold 14 certifications from various organizations to include (ISC)2, ISACA, CompTIA, EC-Council, Project Management Institute.

In my free time I am an executive producer for a YouTube series called Threatwire for the last two years. This channel is a Cyber Security focused news channel that delivers prompt, technical details, and sources to new events in the world.

I have lots of experience with various groups in the IT Security realm from my time in Tampa. During my time in Florida, I attended SecureSet full time. SecureSet was a specialty Cyber Security training facility taught by experts in the field ranging from personalities such as the Vice President of Guidepoint to OSCE certified reverse engineers. I had attended SecureSet all while working part time and attending IT meetups full time. I was active in ISACA, (ISC)2 Tampa, OWASP, CSA or Cloud Security Alliance, DEFCON 813, SIC or Sarasota Infosec Community, as well as other groups for years prior to leaving Tampa and helped to found (ISC)2 El Paso Chapter as well as become a member of the West Texas INFOSEC Society.

Since I have found IT, I have consistently worked in my spare time to improve my knowledgebase as well as my professional persona. All my certifications, personal, and educational endeavors have been outside of work as I have never been sponsored nor given time for these achievements within the work week and always strived on my own time.

As a member of the board of directors, I will offer insight into the attitudes and concerns of the entry level and midrange security personnel. I will bolster recruitment efforts across a wide range of private and public sector personnel with a goal of increasing the number of members of (ISC)2 El Paso. Creating a larger group not only improves the numbers for (ISC)2 El Paso, but also improves the job market for both the job seeker and the employer, matching people with critical, technical skills and creating a better cultural fit for employees. Community involvement and outreach is my core focus to find and shape IT professionals in the area to meet the requirements for the job postings and beyond. Assisting members of (ISC)2 El Paso to improve their lives professionally and personally with a goal of helping them meet job market demand and to stay relevant and competitive in the field of IT.